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Animal Rabies 4th Quarterly Update

January 1 –December 31, 2008

The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC) provides a quarterly update on animal rabies to veterinarians and other animal health professionals. This update may be used as an educational tool to increase the understanding of pet owners and other members of the public regarding the risk of rabies in Maine and in their communities. This update is for the fourth quarter of 2008 or January 1 – December 31, 2008 (Table). Visit the Maine CDC rabies prevention website for more information, including rabies testing data updated regularly: www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh/ddc/rabies_surveillance.htm

Table 1: Animal rabies by county, town and species – Maine Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory, January 1 – December 31, 2008

County	Town	Animal Species				County Total
		Bat	Raccoon	Skunk	Other (Species)	
Androscoggin	Auburn		1		1 (Fox)	
	Lewiston			2		
	Poland		1			
	Turner		1			6
Cumberland	Cape Elizabeth		1			
	Casco		1			
	Falmouth	1	1			
	Gray	1	3			
	Portland		1			
	Raymond			1		
	Scarborough		1			11
Franklin	Farmington			1	1 (Fox)	
	Jay		1			
	New Vineyard		1			4
Hancock	Trenton		2			2
Kennebec	Litchfield		1			
	Monmouth		1	1		
	Randolph		1	1		
	Vassalboro	1				
	Vienna		1			
	Waterville	1		1		
	Windsor			2		
	Winthrop		1	1		13
Knox	Camden			4		
	Port Clyde			1		
	Rockland			3		
	Saint George			1		9
Lincoln	Wiscasset		1			1
Oxford	South Paris	2				2
Penobscot	Bangor	1				
	Milford		2			
	Old Town		3			
	Veazie		1			7
Sagadahoc	Arrowsic	1				1
Waldo	Montville		1			
	Palermo		1			
	Unity		1	1		4

County	Town	Animal Species				County Total
		<u>Bat</u>	<u>Raccoon</u>	<u>Skunk</u>	<u>Other (Species)</u>	
York	Buxton		1			
	Saco		1			
	Sanford				1 (Fox)	3
Species Total		8	32	21	3	
Maine Total						64

Table 2: Animal rabies by county, town and species – USDA APHIS Wildlife Services*, January 1 – December 31, 2008

County	Town	Animal Species				County Total
		<u>Bat</u>	<u>Raccoon</u>	<u>Skunk</u>	<u>Other (Species)</u>	
Penobscot	Indian Island		6			
	Patten		1			7
Species Total			7			
Maine Total						7

* USDA APHIS Wildlife Services perform surveillance testing only on animals with no human or domestic animal exposure.

